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SUBJECT: ATHERTON BILATERALS WITH OMAN AND UAE: US-PDRY
RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED DRAFT MESSAGE REPORTING
SECRETARY'S TALKS WITH PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER MUTTI' BASED
ON YOUR BRIEFINGS OF FOREIGN MINISTERS ZAWAWI AND SUWAIDI
OCTOBER 3. WE PROPOSE SENDING THIS MESSAGE TO TEHRAN,
KUWAIT, MANAMA, DOHA, ABU DHABI, MUSCAT, SANA, AND CAIRO.

2. DURING ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON'S BILATERALS WITH
MINISTERS ZAWAWI OF OMAN AND SUWAIDI OF THE UAE, ATHERTON
BRIEFED THE FOREIGN MINISTERS ON THE SECRETARY'S MEETING
EARLIER SAME DAY WITH PDRY FOREIGN MINISTER MUTTI'.

3. ATHERTON NOTED OCTOBER 3 MEETING WITH PDRY BASED ON
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CONSIDERABLE PREPARATION. DURING LAST YEAR'S UNGA,
SOUTH YEMENIS HAD INDICATED INTEREST IN IMPROVING RE-
LATIONS. IN THE INTERIM WE HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH
THE SAUDIS AND HAVE FOLLOWED CLOSELY THEIR EFFORTS TO
WEAN THE PDRY AWAY FROM ITS ALMOST EXCLUSIVE RELIANCE ON
COMMUNIST AND RADICAL STATES. AFTER RECENT CONSULTATIONS
WITH PRINCE FAHD WE CONCLUDED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO USE

THIS YEAR'S UNGA TO SEEK ONCE AGAIN AN IMPROVEMENT IN US-

PDRY RELATIONS. THE SECRETARY'S OCTOBER 3 MEETING WITH MUTI' WENT WELL. WE AGREED IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS AND THAT WE SHOULD REMAIN IN TOUCH. WE BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTERESTS AND IN THOSE OF OTHER FRIENDLY REGIONAL POWERS TO GIVE THE PDRY REGIME AN ALTERNATIVE TO RELIANCE ON THE SOVIETS. WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE PDRY REGIME AND WE WILL MOVE WITH FULL SENSITIVITY TO THE FEELINGS OF OUR FRIENDS IN THE AREA.

4. FONMIN SUWAIDI MERELY THANKED ATHERTON FOR THE BRIEFING AND ASKED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT BE KEPT INFORMED OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS. FONMIN ZAWAWI SAID HIS GOVT HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED SUCH A MOVE BY THE US, BUT HAS SAID TO ANY GOVERNMENT WISHING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE PDRY THAT IT SHOULD BE WARY IN ITS DISCUSSIONS. OMAN CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT THE PDRY WISHES TO "PLAY BOTH SIDES" IN AN ATTEMPT TO IMPROVE ITS POLITICAL STANDING AND ECONOMIC PROSPECTS. ZAWAWI ADDED THAT THE SAUDIS ADMIT THEY HAVE NOT MADE MUCH PROGRESS WITH THE PDRY. HE ADDED THAT IN HIS MOST RECENT MEETING WITH MUTI', PDRY HAS ASKED THAT THE MEETING BE KEPT SECRET. WHY SHOULD THIS BE, ASKED ZAWAWI, IF THE PDRY IS SERIOUS ABOUT IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH OMAN-
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5. ADDRESSEES MAY DRAW ON FOREGOING TO BRIEF HOST GOVERNMENTS, NOTING THAT WE WILL KEEP THEM CURRENT ON SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS WITH THE PDRY AND THE EVOLUTION OF OUR RELATIONSHIP. CHRISTOPHER

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